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SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know whether the concession of smoking in jails, which is given to the prisoners by the Government of West Bengal, will be allowed in this State also? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" As I submitted, the Government are examining the various reforms that have to be carried out and the amendment of the Jail Manual."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" The Hon. Minister said that a moderate sum was placed at the disposal of the District Magistrates. May I know what the actual amount is and how many children are benefited? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It depends upon the necessary expense that has to be incurred in respect of individuals."

SRI K. RAJAGOPALA RAO :—" May I know the amount of daily allowance given to young children who are allowed to stay with their mothers in jail? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" No daily allowance is given."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" Sir, my question was not answered. I asked what the moderate sum was and his reply was ' as much as is necessary '. I want the exact amount that is being paid and the number of children who have benefited by this."

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" It varies from individual to individual. If the minimum and maximum are required, a separate question may be put which I shall answer."

SRI M. BAPAIAH CHOWDARY :—" Are young children kept in the same cell along with their mothers or are they put in a separate cell? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" They are kept with their mothers."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" How many children of female convicts are now being taken care of by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAIR :—" A separate question may be put."

New Food Production Schemes.

* 139 Q.—SRI K. V. S. PADMANABHA RAJU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued definite orders to stop the new food production schemes which were to have been taken up after the present schemes have been executed ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will give priority to maintenance of works? "

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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) No new irrigation work will be taken up during the current year under the Intensive Cultivation Campaign. The question of taking up new schemes will be considered as soon as the works now under execution are completed.

" (*b*) The Government will, of course, be attending to the maintenance of existing irrigation works. This is done under the maintenance grant and there is no question of priority."

SRI B. KRISHNAMOORTHY ROW :—" May I request the Government to instruct the G.M.F. staff to investigate new works in Chittoor district at least, where sufficient number of works have not yet been taken up? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" There is no need to take up the investigation of fresh schemes. Even the schemes which have been investigated are not being taken up for execution."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" The Hon. Minister for Finance told the House the other day that no Food Production Works which were in progress had been stopped. If I tell him all the works which have been suspended after spending a considerable sum of money on them, will he see that they are taken up again and completed? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The question has already been answered. Works which are under execution will be continued but no new works will be taken up."

SRI K. SUBBA REDDI :—" Is it a fact that one of the best schemes on Naguteru river at Batrupalem in Palnad taluk of the Guntur district has been stopped? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" Notice."

SRI R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I request the Hon. Minister to consider the desirability of executing at least those schemes that have been investigated by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" I do not know why this sort of question is put. I have already said that on account of financial stringency, we are not able take up any new schemes. I do not see much point in pressing the Government and asking 'Why not you take up this, and why not you take up that?' "

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—According to the present Budget, there are 67 works which will be considered under Grow More Food scheme. Is the Hon. Minister aware that out of these 67 works, only 9 works at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 lakhs are in Rayalaseema? Taking into consideration the present famine conditions there, will he be kind enough to increase the quantum for Rayalaseema? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" I cannot understand how this question arises out of the main question."